

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., MARCH 12, 2015 A.D.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**WHEREAS,** *Thomas Messina received the Ambassador for Peace Medal as an expression by the South Korean Government to thank Americans for their contribution to South Korean freedom; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Thomas Messina joined the Navy right after Pearl Harbor in 1941 and found himself stationed on patrol and providing escort service in the Atlantic; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Thomas Messina served as a Fire Control Officer until 1945 and remained active with the U.S. Naval Reserve after returning home to North Collins; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Thomas Messina found himself serving as a Naval Electrician on the USS Everglade, a sea-borne Navy repair ship, and was part of the effort to keep the Eastern Seaboard safe; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Thomas Messina was discharged in 1954 choosing to live and work in the North Collins area with Delores and their two children Marcy and Thomas; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Thomas Messina received a proclamation from the South Korean Government, written in English and Korean along with a medal presented to him by American Legion Post 1649 Commander Don Koch*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor Thomas Messina for his faithful, committed service to our country.*

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**John J. Mills**  
*Chairman of the Legislature of Erie County*

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**Karen M. McCarthy**  
*Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County*